

Bristol, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

Saint Philips Police Station  
Bristol  
England

Sir

Pardon the Liberty we have taken in addressing you, but in consequence of a Private Sent by some Person in Melbourne to a Gent in Bristol, a Copy of which appeared in the Bristol Gazette Newspaper in July Last Respecting our Daughter, Mrs Ferris, Obtaining a Ticket of Leave, & Proceeding to Melbourne where she committed a most Diabolical act that of Murder and was left for execution, it gave us great uneasiness although we placed no confidence in it knowing she was not in that Colony, I being absent at that time Requested a friend to write you for me forwarding you the Gazette Newspaper, containing the Advertisement, Soliciting your favour in forwarding us the Particulars if true and as to the whereabouts of the Child and the best Means we could adapt for her being conveyed to England

Since then finding <sup>that</sup> Captain Warwick of the Ship Eliza of Bristol & who I am informed you have a Knowledge of, and not left England and was about to sail for Port Philip on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst, I wrote him informing him of the advertisement which appeared in the Bristol Gazette Newspaper Respecting Mrs Ferris, Requesting him if true on his arrival, at Port Philip to write to you Respecting the Child and bring her home Soliciting your kind assistance on her part in instructing her how to proceed according to Captain W's Directions  
over



In Reply he informed us that he had referred to the New. Vicars Land Papers, & in one Dated April 15<sup>th</sup> 1852, he found that M<sup>rs</sup> Ferris, had committed such an act but not fatal on the Person of M<sup>r</sup>. Sambull, the Result he did not know, but if we wished the Child brought home write to him and he would bring her home, same time Requesting us to write to you informing you that it was our wish the Child should be under his Care, I assure you the Receipt of which was almost a Death blow to us Moor so to her Mother who I think will never recover, generally such News is to try, same time we shall feel greatly obliged by your Informing us the Particulars

I wrote to Captain Warwick according to his Request, and have made arrangement with him to bring the Child back to England which he has consented to, I have also informed him that I wrote to you to that Effect according to his Request, and on his arrival at Port Philip he will write you on the subject with Instructions for her to proceed to him, <sup>if she should feel disposed to return</sup> I should wish her to dispose of all her things except her common Necessaries, ~~but~~ and that will pay her Passage to Captain Warwick, not to encumber herself with Luggage your kind assistance on our Part & the Part of the Child will be thankfully received We return you our most sincere Thanks for Past favours &c &c



Most Respectfully  
John & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Franklin

To George Washington Walker Esq<sup>r</sup>

N<sup>o</sup>, Please not to inform her of her Grandmothers Illness  
She will grieve so about it on her Passage and Make  
Herself Ill,, her brother his enjoying good health & at School  
Some Place N<sup>o</sup> Bath,, if she should feel Disposed not  
to Return Request her to write to us